

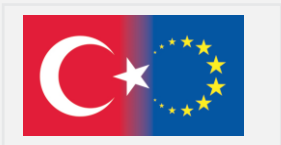


RESILENT RESPONDERS

Psychological Resilience and Support
for Personnel in Charge after Natural
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Resilient Responders Dissemination Activity:
Search and Rescue Team of the Ministry of
Education, Kahramanmaraş Türkiye, October 3,
2024, 15.30



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Yavuz Orak	KSU
İsrafil Ak	AKUB
Süleyman Refik Ünal	AKUB
Bekir Gökçeli	AKUB

Activity Report

The project partner KSU visited the Search and Rescue Team of the Ministry of Education (District Kahramanmaraş) (MEB AKUB) to inform about the project and gain insights on the work of MEB AKUB. The visit provided an opportunity for the project partner to explain the rationale, aims and following steps of the project. Especially, the MEB AKUB team members were invited to contribute to the ongoing needs analysis to develop a tailored training program for first responders. İsrail Ak and his colleagues gave insights into the important work of MEB AKUB, and they reported on their significant contributions in the aftermath of the 2023 Kahramanmaraş Earthquake. They also reported on current attempts to stress management, and they welcomed the project's aims, which were appreciated as highly relevant to strengthen the resilience of volunteers working in AKUB. It was agreed to keep AKUB informed about the project progress and to actively engage AKUB members in the project activities.







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Resilient Responders Dissemination Activity:
Kahramanmaraş Health Directorate,
Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye, October 14, 2024,
10.30



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Vehbi Şirikçi	Health Directorate Kahramanmaraş

Activity Report

The project partners KSU and TENGO visited the Health Directorate Kahramanmaraş (Kahramanmaraş İl Sağlık Müdürlüğü) to introduce this target group about the project and exchange information related to the resilience of first responders. The visit provided an opportunity for the project partner to explain the rationale, aims and following steps of the project. Especially, the Health Directorate staff members were invited to contribute to the ongoing needs analysis to develop a tailored training program for first responders. Vehbi Şirikçi gave insights into the manifold tasks of health personnel in disaster response. He stressed the importance to receive training on stress management and resilience. It was agreed to keep AKUB informed about the project progress and to actively engage AKUB members in the project activities.





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Resilient Responders Dissemination Activity:
Turkish Red Crescent Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye,
October 14, 2024, 12.00



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Stefan Rathert	KSU
Derya Karataş	KSU
Zeynep Elçin Kamalak	TENGO
Mustafa Edip Çelik	Turkish Red Crescent Kahramanmaraş

Activity Report

The project partners KSU and TENGO visited the Turkish Red Crescent Kahramanmaraş Branch (Kahramanmaraş Kızılay İl Şube) to introduce this target group about the Resilience Responders Project and exchange information related to stress management and the resilience of first responders. The visit provided an opportunity for the project partner to explain the rationale, aims and following steps of the project. The Red Crescent personnel were encouraged to contribute to the ongoing needs analysis to develop a tailored training program for first responders. Mustafa Edip Çelik of the Red Crescent informed about the Red Crescent Kahramanmaraş Branch and their ongoing work in the field of disaster response. He stressed the need for training on stress management and resilience. It was agreed to keep the Red Crescent informed about the project progress and to actively engage Red Crescent members in the project activities.





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Resilient Responders Dissemination Activity:
Disaster and Emergency Management
Presidency, Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye, October
14, 2024, 14.00



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Stefan Rathert	KSU
Derya Karataş	KSU
Zeynep Elçin Kamalak	TENGO
Tayfun Temur	AFAD

Activity Report

The project partners KSU and TENGO visited the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) Kahramanmaraş Branch. The visit aimed at introducing this important organisation in disaster response to the Resilience Responders Project. The visit served to exchange information related to stress management and the resilience of first responders. It also provided an opportunity for the project partner to explain the rationale, aims and following steps of the project. AFAD personnel were encouraged to contribute to the ongoing needs analysis to develop a tailored training program for first responders. Tayfun Temur of AFAD informed about the Kahramanmaraş Branch and their various areas of expertise in the field of disaster response. He stressed the need for training on stress management and resilience. It was agreed to keep the Kahramanmaraş branch of AFAD informed about the project progress and to actively engage this important target group in the project activities.





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Resilient Responders Dissemination Activity:
Police Headquarters, Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye,
October 14, 2024, 16.00



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Zeynep Elçin Kamalak	TENGO
Nurettin Gökdoğan	Police Headquarters Kahramanmaraş

Activity Report

The project partners KSU and TENGO visited the Police Headquarters Kahramanmaraş Branch (Kahramanmaraş İl Emniyet Müdürlüğü). The visit aimed at introducing this state authority organisation to the Resilience Responders Project. The visit served to exchange information related to stress management and the resilience of first responders and offered the project partners a venue to explain the rationale, aims and following steps of the project. Police Director Nurettin Gökdoğan informed about the specific tasks of police forces during natural disasters and emergencies. He welcomed the project's mission to provide training on stress management and resilience, and he stated the police's intention to contribute to the ongoing needs analysis to develop a tailored training program for first responders. It was agreed to keep the Police Headquarters Kahramanmaraş informed about the project progress and to actively engage this important target group in the project activities.





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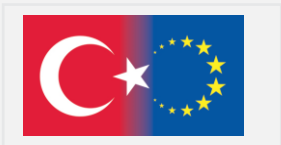


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Resilient Responders Dissemination Activity:
Visit to Lisbon University, Portugal
June 30, 2025; 14.30



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Sofia Nunes	ANIMAM
João Peixoto	Lisbon University
Maria Jose Chambel	Lisbon University

Activity Report

Representatives of the project partners KSU, TENGO and ANIMAM paid a visit to Lisbon University on July 30, 2025. The vice rectors of Lisbon University, Prof. João Peixoto and Prof. Maria Jose Chambel welcomed the project partners. The Resilient Responders Project rationale, activities and upcoming steps were presented. Prof. Peixoto and Prof. Chambel appreciated the project efforts and intended outcomes, stressing the need to develop tailor-made training to first responders in natural disasters. As ANIMAM is a partner from Portugal, potential collaborations to further disseminate the project were evaluated. Besides, future collaborations in other projects both between KSU and Lisbon Universities as tertiary education institutions as well as between Lisbon University and NGOs were discussed. The participants valued the importance of international cooperation in the framework of Erasmus+ to address current global problems.





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Resilient Responders Dissemination Activity:
Centro Studi Città di Foligno
April, 22th 2026



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Valentina Brilli	EGInA
Danilo Calabrese	EGInA
Altheo Valentini	EGInA
Yavuz Kamalak	TENGO
Orhan Doğan	KSU
Manuela Cecconi	University of Perugia
Enrico Presilla	Centro Studi Città di Foligno

Activity Report

The dissemination activity gathered representatives from partner organisations involved in the *Resilient Responders Project*, together with local stakeholders, academics, trainers, and professionals working in the fields of emergency response, civic protection, and disaster management.

On 22 April 2026, the dissemination activity of the *Resilient Responders Project* took place at the University of Perugia – Foligno Branch, Italy. The event aimed to promote the project's objectives, present the work developed by the consortium, and foster discussion on resilience, emergency management, and cooperation among responders and institutions, as well as presenting the project results useful for emergency responders.

The event opened with welcoming remarks from representatives of the University of Perugia, Prof. Manuela Cecconi and the President of the Centro Studi Città di Foligno Dr. Enrico Presilla, who highlighted the importance of strengthening preparedness and cooperation in the field of disaster management and emergency response.

Following the opening session, Stefan Rathert (KSU) introduced the *Resilient Responders Project*. The presentation provided an overview of the project partnership, the rationale behind the initiative, its main target groups, and the objectives pursued

by the consortium. Participants were informed about the activities already implemented, including research and training development, as well as the upcoming project initiatives and dissemination actions. Danilo Calabrese (EGINA) delivered a presentation focused on civic defence and the role of citizens and institutions in emergency preparedness. The next contribution was presented by Yavuz Orak (KSU), who addressed the topic of leadership and team coordination in emergency situations. Drawing on the findings of the *Resilient Responders Project*, the presentation explored the key dimensions of resilient leadership, highlighting the importance of communication, decision-making, and coordination among teams during crises. Practical approaches and best practices developed within the project were also shared with participants.

After a networking break, Elçin Kamalak (TENGO) presented the topic of inter-institutional cooperation and coordination in disaster management. The presentation emphasized the importance of collaboration among institutions before, during, and after emergencies.

The final session started with the presentation by Nikolina Zervou (IED), who introduced the project's online training platform and multilingual learning materials. Participants were shown the training courses and the Best Practices section available on the project website. The session demonstrated how the platform can support responders, trainers, and organisations in developing resilience-related competences and accessing practical resources.









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